

Review B: Classifying Sentences According to Structure

EXERCISE A In each of the following sentences, draw one line under every independent clause and two lines under every subordinate clause. Then, on the line provided, classify the sentence by writing *S* for *simple*, *Cd* for *compound*, *Cx* for *complex*, or *Cd-Cx* for *compound-complex*.

Example Cx 1. Did you know that some bored surfers created the sport of skateboarding?

- _____ 1. If you are a surfer, you may enjoy skateboarding, for the sport is similar to surfing.
- _____ 2. Some skateboards are made from wood; others are made from plastic or fiberglass.
- _____ 3. At first, skateboards had roller-skate wheels, but today's boards have special wheels that are much easier to control.
- _____ 4. I bought an inexpensive skateboard and customized it.
- _____ 5. When the skater shifts his or her weight, the board turns.
- _____ 6. My brother taught me how to skate.
- _____ 7. Some skaters practice every day, but I practice only on weekends.
- _____ 8. When you skate, you should wear kneepads, elbow pads, and a helmet.
- _____ 9. Schools in my area often sponsor contests for skateboarders; in fact, Lakeside Middle School is holding a contest this Saturday.
- _____ 10. I will not compete in the contest, but I will watch my brother as he competes.

EXERCISE B Classify each of the following sentences by writing on the line provided *S* for *simple*, *Cd* for *compound*, *Cx* for *complex*, or *Cd-Cx* for *compound-complex*.

Example S 1. Tyrone and I saw a horror movie together.

- _____ 11. Some scenes in the movie became too scary for me; consequently, I excused myself and went to the lobby.
- _____ 12. I think that many people in the audience left during the scariest scenes.
- _____ 13. At one point Tyrone got the hiccups and rushed out for some water.
- _____ 14. At times while Tyrone was gone, I turned my head away from the screen and closed my eyes, but I still saw the ugly monster with the glaring yellow eyes.
- _____ 15. As we rushed out of the theater to meet our parents, both Tyrone and I said that we could hardly wait to see the sequel.